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In re Patent Application of:)
Koichiro TANAKA et al.) Attention: DO/EO/US
Based on PCT/JP2005/014264)
Filed: July 28, 2005)
For: LASER IRRADIATION APPARATUS)
AND LASER IRRADIATION METHOD)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application before calculation of the government claim fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.